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Agricultural Summary

Dry weather early last week allowed farmers to harvest some early season beans and high moisture corn. Rains developed in most areas by the end of the week which slowed most field activity to a halt over the weekend. Reporters in several areas of the state are reporting an outbreak of charcoal rot in soybean fields. Charcoal rot is caused by a fungus that can be found in the soil. Yield loss from this disease is expected to vary considerably across a field. Anywhere from no loss to a few bushels could be lost as the soybean plants turn brown and mature early. Silage chopping continued during the week and was wrapping up in some areas as farmers made preparations to begin shelling corn. Cash premiums were being offered for the early season high moisture corn during the first part of last week but as more farmers took advantage of the premiums they quickly disappeared and farmers returned to waiting for their crop to dry down. Final cutting of alfalfa crops were also being completed last week. Farmers were also busy last week mowing and preparing equipment for harvest.

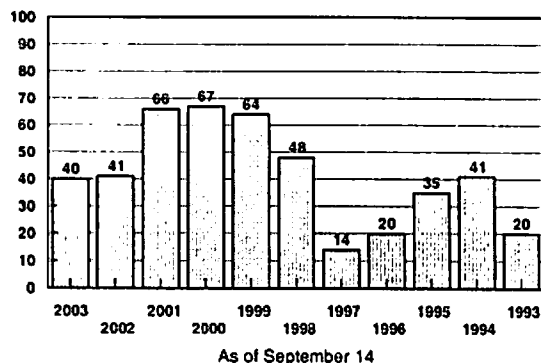
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	: 2003	: 2002	: 5-Year Average

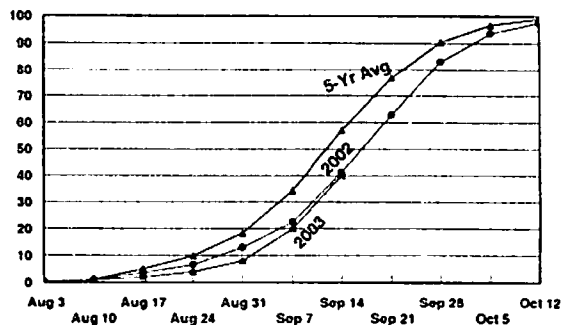
September 14			
CORN:			
Dented	91	90	93
Mature	40	41	57
Harvested	3	4	6
SOYBEANS:			
Turning Yellow	61	64	72
Shedding leaves	25	25	37
Harvested	1/	1	2
SORGHUM:			
Coloring	73	85	86
Mature	6	45	43
Harvested	1/	3	3
ALFALFA:			
Third Cutting	96	89	94

1/ Less than one percent			

Corn - Percent Mature
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Corn - Percent Mature
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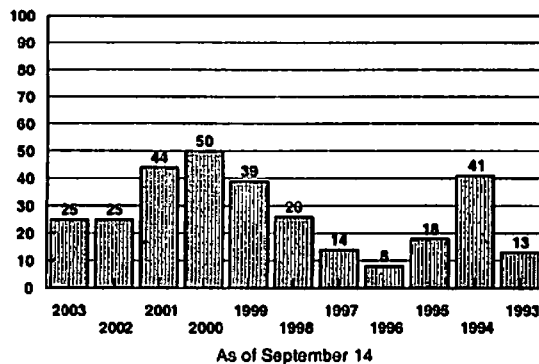
Crop Conditions

Crop	: Very Poor	: Poor	: Fair	: Good	: Excellent
September 14					
Corn	3	9	28	49	11
Soybeans	4	9	39	41	7
Sorghum	2	8	39	44	7
Pasture	4	20	43	29	4

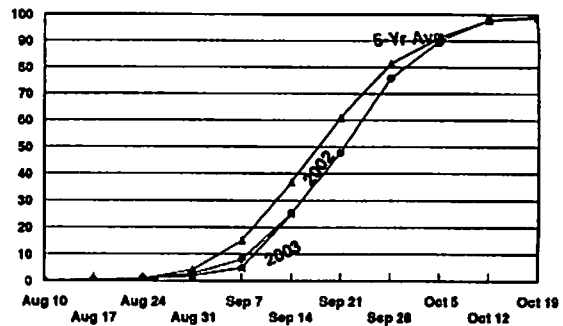
Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
September 8 - 14					
Northwest	5.2	12	37	50	1
Northeast	5.4	14	33	53	-
West	5.1	4	16	80	-
Central	6.0	1	16	82	1
East	5.7	6	19	54	21
W Southwest	4.8	1	21	72	6
E Southeast	6.0	-	9	90	1
Southwest	6.6	2	55	43	-
Southeast	6.6	13	34	53	-
State	5.6	6	25	65	4

Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
Illinois



Soybeans - Percent Shedding Leaves
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Crop Progress by Districts

District	: Corn Dent	: Corn Mature	: Corn Harvested	: Soybeans Turning Yellow	: Soybeans Shedding Leaves
September 14					
Northwest	92	38	2	76	28
Northeast	80	8	1	68	39
West	84	21	2	67	19
Central	93	58	3	71	28
East	97	54	1	75	50
W Southwest	94	39	4	55	17
E Southeast	93	50	3	43	13
Southwest	82	31	14	32	4
Southeast	88	50	13	26	7
State	91	40	3	61	25

Weather Information Table

Location	Temperature			Precipitation			Growing Degree Days		
	Maxi-	Mini-	Depar-	Current:	Since	Depar-	Current:	Since	Depar-
	mum	mum	ture	week	May 1	ture	week	May 1	ture
September 8 - 14									
Northwest:									
Freeport	89	58	8	2.70	18.94	2.06	151	2374	-17
Kewanee	85	56	5	0.74	22.48	4.90	141	2435	-168
Moline	89	59	8	2.59	17.63	-2.07	164	2769	48
Mount Carroll	90	54	8	4.01	19.79	1.24	147	2338	48
Paw Paw	87	51	7	0.42	19.26	1.16	142	2290	-46
Rochelle	91	58	10	0.73	14.60	-3.33	168	2492	-42
Rockford	90	59	10	1.11	12.45	-5.87	169	2518	69
Northeast:									
Aurora	86	56	8	0.26	15.40	-2.51	156	2344	-126
Chicago	86	59	8	0.45	18.04	1.12	165	2448	-35
Lake Villa	85	61	9	0.72	17.70	0.28	157	2273	41
McHenry	87	54	9	1.04	16.52	-1.64	151	2175	-177
Morris	85	56	8	0.18	23.55	7.13	163	2554	-17
Ottawa	87	56	6	0.54	17.60	0.26	164	2629	-141
Park Forest	84	51	6	0.85	24.61	7.21	152	2405	-133
West:									
Galesburg	86	56	5	1.61	17.91	0.20	149	2591	-141
Prairie City	85	60	6	1.62	18.57	-0.03	155	2825	96
Quincy	85	58	3	0.70	20.50	1.66	149	2841	-75
Central:									
Bloomington	90	55	6	0.19	21.50	4.24	170	2812	-110
Decatur	86	60	5	0.14	20.57	2.35	166	2977	34
Havana	88	52	3	0.15	21.86	5.17	142	2637	-287
Lincoln	86	51	4	0.26	22.33	4.84	148	2636	-197
Peoria	85	59	5	0.27	17.62	0.82	157	2787	-7
East:									
Champaign	86	56	5	0.17	21.15	2.95	160	2650	-152
Pontiac	85	57	6	0.18	16.77	0.15	160	2588	-134
West Southwest:									
Carlinville	86	54	2	0.32	23.59	6.88	152	2873	-141
Morrisonville	85	51	3	0.12	26.65	9.46	148	2713	-197
Springfield	86	55	4	0.13	18.73	3.26	152	2816	-133
East Southeast:									
Effingham	87	50	4	0.02	22.24	5.58	155	2853	-80
Flora	85	51	2	0.02	18.07	0.96	148	2997	-54
Hutsonville	88	53	6	0.68	22.97	5.03	168	3126	90
Iuka	86	52	1	0.13	20.33	3.60	147	2775	-365
Newton	85	54	4	0.20	22.37	5.30	154	2787	-137
Paris	84	53	3	0.00	26.81	8.55	157	2761	-200
Windsor	86	56	4	0.00	18.45	2.11	163	2908	-54
Southwest:									
Carbondale	85	55	2	0.02	15.01	-3.09	147	3107	-4
Lebanon	88	54	1	0.18	23.81	7.65	148	2973	-122
Steeleville	88	53	-1	0.23	20.61	3.66	150	2927	-354
Southeast:									
Benton	86	54	2	0.19	22.54	5.91	152	2989	-144
Grayville	88	55	1	0.16	16.74	-0.69	160	3050	-264
Mt Vernon	84	53	2	0.00	18.00	1.45	147	2878	-161

Data is for the weekly period that ends on Sunday at 8:00 a.m.
 Growing Degree Days are base 50 using a maximum temperature of 86 degrees.

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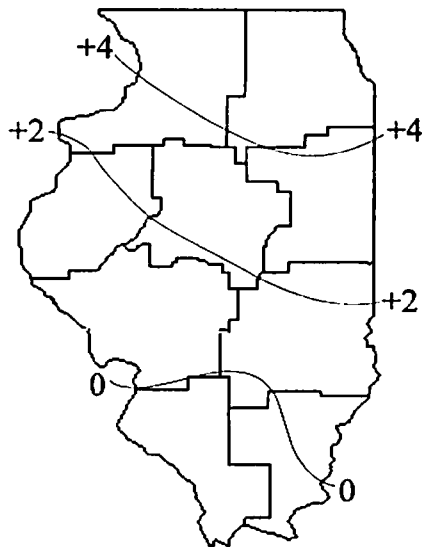
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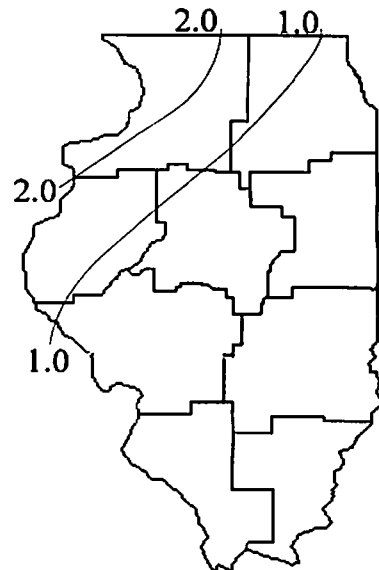
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Temperature (°F) Departure
September 8 - 14



Precipitation (in.) Total
September 8 - 14

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